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SUBJECT: REFUSAL OF EXIT PERMISSION FOR BULGARIAN MINOR CHILDREN
OF U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS

REF: (A) AUG 22 LTR FORM JOHN A. BAKER TO MR. AND MRS. SPAS Y.
MAREFF; (B) STATE 184291 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN NOVEMBER 9 RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S OCTOBER 18 NOTE
ON SUBJECT, RESPONSIBLE MFA CONSULAR OFFICER (KAMANOV)
INFORMED CONSUL BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO
ISSUE PASSPORTS TO MAREV CHILDREN ON GROUNDS THEIR
PARENTS' MOVE TO THE U.S. WITHOUT BULGARIAN OFFICIAL PER-
MISSION AND WE WILL BE SO SO INFORMED BY NOTE. ASSUME
DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE PARENTS.

2. IN PRESENTING BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION ON
MAREV CASE, KUMANOV RAISED THAT OF LYUNOMIR KHRISTOFF,
MINOR CHILD OF PARENTS RESIDING IN BULGARIA AND WHOSE
DESIRE TO REMAIN U.S. HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY CALIFORNIA
COURTS. PURSUANT TO STANDING DEPT. INSTRUCTIONS,
CONSUL WAS NONCOMMITTAL BUT ASKED KUMANOV IF BY RAISING
THIS CASE HE WAS LINKING IT OFFICIALLY TO THE MAREV CASE. KUMANOV
SAID LINKAGE WAS NOT OFFICIAL.

3. DURING NOVEMBER 9 MEETING, KUMANOV GAVE CONSUL
IMPRESSION MFA CONSULAR SECTION MAY BE REFERRING CASES
SUCH AS MAREV CHILDREN'S DIRECTLY TO MINISTRY INTERNAL
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AFFAIRS WITHOUT MEANINGFUL DELIBERATION WITHIN MFA IN-

CLUDING 8TH DEPARTMENT (AMERICAN AFFAIRS). AT FIRST
OPPORTUNITY, CHARGE' WILL REMIND CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF
OF 8TH DEPARTMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CASES
SUCH AS THE MAREV CASE AND OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH
THE GOB'S DECISION.
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